

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application in light of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.

THE SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

The specification has been amended to entirely delete page 8 (listing the reference symbols) as requested by the Examiner in Item 1 of the Official Action. This deletion does not constitute new matter because the listing of reference symbols is redundant and not required in U.S. patent practice.

THE DRAWINGS

A copy of the drawings has been provided as requested by the Examiner in Item 1 of the Official Action.

REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF THE DRAWINGS AND
WITHDRAWAL OF THE OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

In view of the enclosure of copy of the set of drawings as requested by the Examiner, and in view of the deletion of page 8 of the specification as requested by the Examiner, it is requested that the copy of the set of drawings be entered into the Patent Office file, and that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

THE ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The Examiner's indication in Items 4 and 5 of the Official Action that claims 1-8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 has been noted with appreciation.

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THE CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The amendments to claims 1-8 do not involve amendment of a claim element that narrows the literal scope of the claims.

The claims were amended to overcome the Examiner's informality rejections so as to make the claims even more clear.

Support for the claim amendments and the new claims is found in the specification and drawings of the application as originally filed.

THE REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-8 IS OVERCOME

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite.

The Examiner's comments regarding the alleged lack of antecedent bases and other allegedly unclear relational issues in the claims have been addressed by amending each claim to make it even more clear with respect to antecedent bases.

In view of the Examiner's determination of allowable subject matter over the prior art, and in view of the amendments to the claims presented herein, it is believed that the claims 1-8 are now allowable.


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It is believed that this entire application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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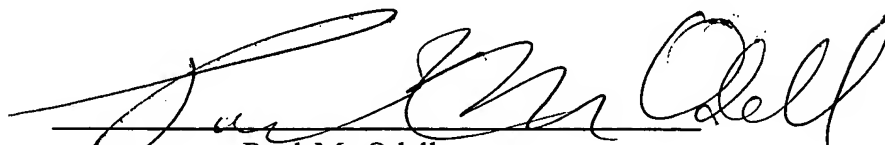
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